GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2851
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CONSTRUCTION OF AIR CARGO AT PATNA
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the construction of air cargo at Patna is necessary in view of huge production and export of fruits and vegetables;

(b) if so, whether the proposal with regard to construction of air cargo at Patna airport is pending with the Government for the last five years;

(c) if so, the present position in this regard;

(d) the steps the Government proposes to take to expedite the matter; and

(e) by when it is likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a):- Yes, Sir.

(b),(c)&(d):- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Bihar State Export Corporation Ltd. (BSECL) to set up an Air Cargo Complex under a Joint Venture Company. Land is to be acquired & transferred by BSECL for the project and the Joint Venture Company has to be incorporated. A Project Steering Committee has been set up.

(e):- After acquisition of land and formation of Joint Venture Company by BSECL, AAI would undertake the development of Air Cargo Complex at Patna as "Deposit Work" which is expected to take two years, after award of work.